

A bill for an act

relating to water; appropriating money for a water quality pilot project in the Buffalo River watershed.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **BUFFALO RIVER WATERSHED PILOT PROJECT.**

\$250,000 in fiscal year 2010 is appropriated from the clean water fund to the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency for a pilot project for the development of total maximum daily load (TMDL) studies conducted on a watershed basis within the Buffalo River watershed in order to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams. The pilot project shall include all necessary field work to develop TMDL studies for all impaired subwatersheds within the Buffalo River watershed and provide information necessary to complete reports for most of the remaining watersheds, including analysis of water quality data, identification of sources of water quality degradation and stressors, load allocation development, development of reports that provide protection plans for subwatersheds that meet water quality standards, and development of reports that provide information necessary to complete TMDL studies for subwatersheds that do not meet water quality standards, but are not listed as impaired.